Oswald Literature Distribution
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Here again we have an FBI agent not one of those active in the investigation slipping up and reporting what was not of interest to the FBI and the Commission, what the Report ignored, and what does not now stand alone; distributions on dates others than those officially gone into and in a location designed to bait Carlos Bringuier.

Assuming Butler to be correct - and the report is neither indefinite nor evasive - here Oswald was passing out his material the day before he was arrested and very close to Bringuier's store, where Cubans had the best chance to spot him, where others also reported seeing him (for example, Brian Ampolsk). This is also consistent with what Mrs. Elise Cerniglia, head of Cuban Catholic Relief told me, that for three days prior to the arrest Cubans regularly complained to her of such anti-Castro propagandizing in that area.

This, in turn, is consistent with an effort by Oswald to attract exactly the kind of attention he did achieve, with Bringuier's help.

What is inconsistent with such pamphleteering is Butler's statement that Oswald would not strike up a conversation. This could be attributed to Butler's manner. It is not consistent with the lengthy conversation Oswald had that day of the one before with Brian Ampolsk. With Ampolsk, Oswald seemed quite willing to engage in even detailed personal conversation.

Again, this report, like so many, lacks the obvious. For example, identification of the pictures of Oswald picketing, whether or not he was accompanied, etc.